

to provide treatment to low-income women screened and diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the CDC early detection program.

Mother's Day is May 14, and the most valuable gift that Congress can give American women is a fighting chance at beating cancer. I hope that my colleagues will work for passage of H.R. 1070 by this Mother's Day.

REUNIFICATION OF FATHER AND SON

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, what I believe the American people would like to see as we move through this week is a simple reunification of a father and a son, Elian Gonzalez and Juan Miguel Gonzalez, without force, without violence, bringing the two families together, emphasizing the importance of family, helping us as the American people reaffirm our values that father and son belong together.

I hope we, as Members of the United States Congress, whose jurisdiction is not in play at this time, and appropriately so, will encourage the reunification of father and son, something that Americans have believed throughout the centuries.

WAR AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE ACT

(Mr. LATHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the War Against Methamphetamine Act introduced today by our colleague from California (Mr. CALVERT).

In the upper Midwest in Iowa, there has simply been an explosion of methamphetamines that is affecting our young people, our families, our communities, and being the most destructive element that we have seen in many, many years.

There are four legs to fighting this problem. One is for interdiction, another enforcement, education, and then treatment. What this bill does is gives us the tools to help with enforcement by increasing penalties for those selling, by making sure that we are able to track people who are making the drugs, and by increasing penalties to those who are causing tremendous environmental damage with the labs that are being put in place to make this horrible drug.

This is a great measure to move us forward in this great battle, and I would hope the entire House will join in supporting this measure.

1015 TAX CODE

(Mr. SHERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, our economy is important, and we need sound policy, not soundbites. As the tax due date approaches, what we are getting is soundbites, and perhaps the worst is what is going on in the Committee on Ways and Means this week where they are considering a proposal to delegate rewriting the Tax Code to a commission, not to Members of Congress, who are supposed to report that code out on July 4, 2004, and then our Internal Revenue Code would, by the terms of this bill, expire by the end of 2004. This means our economy will be in total disarray. Who would invest in municipal bonds if they do not know if the advantages of investing in them will be swept away? Who will start an R&D tax project if the credit is going to be swept away or might be? And who would count on fiscal responsibility in a society that is going to give its Congress just a few months to rewrite the entire Tax Code after it hears from a commission?

What we see instead is an elaborate ruse that prevents us from reforming the Tax Code one section at a time.

ALZHEIMER'S/OKLAHOMA MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

(Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce remarkable news from the great State of Oklahoma. Today, the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation will announce a breakthrough discovery in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. Researchers at OMRF discovered the enzyme which is found in our brains and which scientists believe is directly responsible for the Alzheimer's disease.

Not only did Oklahoma researchers pinpoint the cause of Alzheimer's disease, they have also designed a way to stop it. If this breakthrough can successfully be transformed into a drug, Alzheimer's could become a manageable disease, like high blood pressure, diabetes, not the terminal disease we know now. This discovery will have a profound impact, since 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's and another 19 million members of their families suffer along with them.

I hope one day my kids can view Alzheimer's the same way my generation views polio, a terrible disease that was conquered with scientific advances. Basic research forms the building blocks of science and medicine and this type of breakthrough clearly illustrates why the Federal Government's investment in basic research is invaluable. Again, I am excited to report this and the many coming announcements

of good news from the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

METHAMPHETAMINES

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of legislation introduced by the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT), my colleague from the Inland Empire. As a cosponsor of the bill, I join him in the war against meth labs. This bill increases penalties for drug criminals and puts them out of business. Meth labs create harm to a lot of our children and our communities. It contaminates drinking water. It contaminates the soil in our area.

There are more than 2,500 meth labs in the Inland Empire. That means children living at home exposed to chemicals with drug dealers, your children playing next to meth labs. Your spouses or your loved ones are at risk. That means 13 lab fires and explosions in San Bernardino County last year. That means homes blowing up and police being placed at risk. This is why the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department supports this bill. It is time to say no to drugs. Support this bill.

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT ACT

(Ms. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1070, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act. This legislation provides States the option of providing Medicaid coverage to uninsured, low-income women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer as part of a screening process by the Centers for Disease Control.

While the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program helps identify women with breast or cervical cancer, it does not provide any coverage or any treatment. These women patients not only face a terrifying battle with cancer but they also must find ways to pay for the care they need. H.R. 1070 rectifies this problem by helping low-income women get the medical treatment they need. The bill is vital to help save the lives of women throughout our Nation. It would make the best gift Congress could offer if we were to pass H.R. 1070 by Mother's Day. I am pleased that this legislation soon will be considered on the floor of the House. It is a good bill and will do the job. I ask my colleagues to support this legislation.

TAX RELIEF

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)